

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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EDWIN JAMES BITTNER )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. ) CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-12465MLW  
OPTOS, INC., )  
Defendant. )

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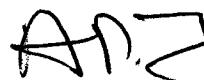
**DEFENDANT OPTOS, INC.'S WITHHOLDING OF  
CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF CASE TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

By Order dated March 8, 2005, the Court set a March 25, 2005 deadline for the parties to decide whether to consent to the transfer of this case to a Magistrate Judge for all purposes. Defendant Optos, Inc. respectfully declines the opportunity to have the case reassigned to a Magistrate Judge and does not consent to the transfer of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

**OPTOS, INC.**

By their attorneys,

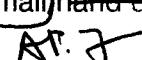


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